

Mount St Lawrence - subject of major new book

by Marie Hobbins

OFFICIALLY opened in 1849, shortly after the Great Famine years, a definitive history of Mount St Lawrence is being written by the Limerick historian, Dr Matthew Potter.

Outlining his draft plans for the book, Dr Potter has confirmed to members of the city's Environmental Strategic Policy Committee, that the first burial in the cemetery took place in 1835.

"The cemetery is 16 acres in size, twice that of the People's Park, and it is recorded that 70,000 burials have taken place there - there are 20,000 recorded for the extension cemetery, which was opened in 1960."

Mr Potter also pointed out that the cemetery



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contains "a substantial amount of artwork."

"It has the largest collection, with the exception of Limerick City Gallery of Art - there is the Manchester Martyrs sculpted memorial and a total of 7,000 grave markers in the cemetery."

"Mount St Lawrence has an emotional association for Limerick people worldwide and it is a rich source of Limerick history."

For some time now members of the city council's Environmental Committee, which approved the recent installation of information plaques in the cemetery and other moves to make it more visitor friendly, have been urging the council to recognise the cemetery's "potential to become a major visitor attraction and have pointed to the success of Dublin's Glasnevin Cemetery."

The cemetery is the burial place for many of Limerick city's leading merchant families, business people, politicians, patriots, writers and "characters."

"Some of the well known people buried in the cemetery include, Michael Hogan who was a member of the board of Cleary's Department Store, the historian and Mayor of Limerick, Maurice Lenihan, the Republican, politician and business man, Stephen O'Mara (of the bacon company), the Fenian, John Daly, former Mayor of Limerick, the murdered mayors of Limerick, George Clancy and Michael O'Callaghan, Donogh O'Malley, who as Minister for Education, established free education in Ireland, his wife, Hilda O'Malley, Patrick Kavanagh's inspiration for the iconic ballad, Raglan Road, the five-times Mayor of Limerick, Dan Bourke, the Socialist and Labour politician, Jim Kemmy, Pa Healy, the sports figure, Sean Sabhat, the Republican, former mayor and city businessman, Ted Russell, the Dominican priest and artist, Fr Aengus Buckley, Brian Corbett, the engineer who designed the Franciscan and Jesuit churches, journalist, Seamus O'Connell, Sean Bourke who was the subject of international press attention when he sprang the spy, George Blake from prison, Robert Herbert, former city librarian, etc.

The cemetery also has the family vaults of the author, Kate O'Brien, the family of the late Limerick actor, Richard Harris and many other leading city

families.

"The cemetery records contain a vivid social history of the city and it has a rich collection of art and architecture, and it is interesting to learn that it was designed as a "garden" cemetery."

"Now the cemetery records are digitised and contain a photographic record of the 7,000 headstones," said Mr Potter who confirmed that a guidebook to the cemetery will be completed by the end of this year.

"I hope to produce a major book on Mount St Lawrence which will be a template for all Irish cemeteries," he said.

Cllr Kieran O'Hanlon congratulated Mr Potter on undertaking to produce a history of the cemetery.

"It will be great for Limerick people all over the world to have access to such historic records, but I would urge that information on the nearby St Patrick's Cemetery, which has a very strong history, be unveiled."

"It would be wonderful to get official records from this cemetery and also to have this old cemetery cleaned up and refurbished, so that it too could become a visitor attraction".

Free collection point for Christmas trees

MUSGRAVE Cash and Carry is the venue for a free collection point for Christmas trees on this Saturday, from 10am to 3pm.

Shredded trees will be used as bark mulch by the Parks Department of Limerick City Council over the year.

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